

**Twenty First Sunday
in Ordinary Time
August 26th 2007**

Faith Sharing

**Readings and Questions for the
Weekend of September 2nd**

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19,
22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14

Theme: *The last will be first and the first will be last*

Question for Adults: When do you humble yourself in a manner Jesus requires.

Question for Youth: How do you care for those who cannot repay you?

Question for Children: When was the last time you shared with someone freely?

Monday, August 27th

Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10;

Matthew 23:13-22

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy

Intention: Repose of Charles Blaha

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 28th

**Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26

No Daily Liturgy

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

7:00 p.m. – Whole Community Catechesis

Core Team Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Catechism for Adults

Wednesday, August 29th

**Memorial of the Martyrdom of Saint John
the Baptist**

1 Thessalonians 2:9-11; Mark 6:17-29

9:00 a.m. – Noon – Office Hours

**6:00 p.m. Home Mass at Tom & Lorinda
Collings home (see insert for directions)**

Thursday, August 30th

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-59

No Daily Liturgy

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Friday, August 31st

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy

Intention: For all those effected by the hail
and flood waters

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Saturday, September 1st

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

8:00 a.m. Daily Liturgy with Adoration

9:00 a.m. – Noon – Food Pantry

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Share Distribution

**9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Catechism for
Adults**

3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29;

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist

Intention: Baptism of Jenkins Baby

Ministry Schedule

Bread Baker: Marlys Sears

Altar Servers: Jessica Schacher,

Trevor & Marissa Pitsor

Blood: Jim & Barb Scherr, Lorinda Collings,

Carol Conway

Body: Joni Osnes

Lectors: Chad Thies, Jerry Meyer

Sacristans: Joe & Linda Schacher

Ushers: Ken & Becky Wentz

Choir: Family Choir

Sunday, September 2nd

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29;

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

8:00 a.m. -- Liturgy of the Eucharist

Intention: Repose of Charles Blaha

Ministry Schedule

Altar Servers: Caitlin Wilson, Kevin

Chamberlain, Celena Sass

Blood: Marty Quinn, Dean & Mary

Antonsen, Judy Wilson

Body: Bob Sass

Lectors: Taylor Rohrbach, Jay Hammerquist

Sacristans: Frank & Donna Boner

Ushers: Marc Jacobs, Kevin Rohrbach

Choir: Regina's Minstrels

10:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist

Intention: OLBH Communitiy

Ministry Schedule

Altar Servers: Megan & Gina Czmowski,

Whitney Werdel

Blood: John & Bernadette Usera, Jan

Schurman, Jim Hoag

Body: Mary Blauvelt

Lectors: Bob & Pam Weaver

Sacristans: The Blauvelt Family

Ushers: Jim Pulaski, Dorothy Tinnell

Choir: Folk Group

7:00 p.m. – Taize Prayer

Sparks from Mark

Fr. Mark asked me to write the Sparks column in his absence so I will take this blessing and write from my heart.

I read this weekend's readings for inspiration and became very excited! It seems that the readings lately have been very easy to tie into Whole Community Catechesis. Really it's no wonder for that was part of Jesus' ministry! To spread the word to everyone! As written, "I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory." Is 66:18.

In the Gospel the tone is different. He answers a question of not how many but who will enter the kingdom of God. He says "Many will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough" Lk 13:24.

I ask my self, how do I become strong? The answer eludes me; however being

Catholic I have hope and faith! I see this in the second reading, "So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed." Heb 12:12-13

Our Lady of the Black Hills is working on bringing "All the Nations" together in our parish and to make it "strong" by providing Whole Community Catechesis; Whole ~ meaning everyone in the parish. We worship together and we even play together so what a wonderful opportunity to learn together!

I know we have been communicating to you about Whole Community Catechesis but we haven't been too detailed with the information since the core team is learning what the details are as well. However, we will have an Open House Sunday, September 16th at 9:15 a.m. and again on Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. You will have an opportunity to learn about Whole Community Catechesis and the changes that are taking place with Faith Formation with an opportunity to ask questions.

As always, you may call the parish office with any questions or talk to anyone on the Core Team.

Many Blessings to you ,
Teresa Thompson

Prayer List

Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please contact the office if continued prayers are needed.

Improved Health: Stan and Helen Barber, Mary Jane Pulaski, Doug Wittenhagen, Darren Eckstein, Father Dick McCaslin, Mary Kay Young, Ron Eliason, Joe Creek
Repose: Faith Albrecht, Philip Clarke, Don Barbour, Beatrice Usera, Peter Hausmann

Catechism for Adults

Tuesday evening 7:00-9:00 we will study chapter 34, and Saturday morning 9:30-11:30 we will study chapter 35. For more information, please call Kathy VanAsma, 787-6218.

Centering Prayer Retreat

at St. Martin Monastery, Benedict Hall, September 1st 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments included in offering of \$5.00. Retreat will include centering prayer sits, discussion of individual experiences, and suggestions for more retreats. Please join us. For further information contact Sister Marmion Howe at 343-2688 or smarmion@aol.com.

Attention College Students!

Student loans are now available through the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Brad Ehresmann at 787-9302 for application requirements and forms.

Stewardship

August 18th and 19th

Loose	\$2,048.87
Envelopes	\$1,361.00
Votive	\$22.16
Student	\$39.27
Guatemala Coffee	\$101.00
Directories	\$50.00
Assumption of Mary	\$225.00
Rally Breakfast Tips	\$125.00
Mass Intentions	\$50.00
Stained Glass Windows	\$12,000.00
Building Fund	<u>\$295.00</u>
Total	\$16,317.30

Renovation Pledges

May 1st 2005 to April 30th 2007

Total Pledged - \$141,112.01

Total Received - **\$121,201.22**

Attention Black Hills State Students

Did you know that there is a Catholic Newman Center at Black Hills State University? The Newman Center is a place Catholic students can go for rest, relaxation, education in their faith, and to practice their faith with their peers. All of the services provided by the Newman Center are free to the students. For more information do not hesitate to call the Newman Center Chaplains, Fr. Tim Hoag or Fr. Godfrey Muwanga @ 605-642-2306.

Polish Dinner!

Fr. Andrzej and the Holy Elders are serving one of Father's famous Polish dinners at Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday, August 29, at 5:00 pm. The menu consists of six main dishes, all very Polish. There will be Fjord's ice cream for dessert. Come one, come all and enjoy the food and fellowship! There will be a free will offering, and the proceeds will help pay for a new sign in front of Blessed Sacrament Church. See you on August 29th at 5:00 pm.

Separated & Divorced Support Group

"Encountering Life Alone"

This nine-week support group begins at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13th** at St. Therese the Little Flower Church in Rapid City. The group is inter-denominational and open to all Christian men and women who are hurting due to separation or divorce. Registration fee is \$25.00. Pre-registration is requested. For more information or to pre-register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 343-3541.

Bereavement Support Group

"Heal Your Grief"

This is an eight-week inter-denominational support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. The group begins at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24th** at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rapid City. Please come early to register! For information or to pre-register call Janece Rieman, 343-5547 or Family Life Ministries at 343-3541.

Ladies, Mark your Calendars!

Back by popular demand, Sr. Marie Schwan will direct this year's Diocesan Women's Retreat, "Women at the Well," October 19 - 21. For more information, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 343-3541 or e-mail Kathy at kcordes@diorc.org.

Generations of Taste Cook Book Ingredients

Recipes for:

Appetizers & Beverages
Breads & Rolls
Soups & Salads
Main Dishes
Desserts
This & That
Vegetables & Side Dishes
Cookies & Candy

Have all recipes to parish office by Sunday, September 23rd. You may hand write them on provided forms in the gathering area or you may enter them on the website www.Typnsave.com. Use the contributor login: olbh then use Contributor password: ptn59. Follow directions on website. The Cook Book Committee will combine all recipes and edit. We will send all recipes to the Morris Press Cook Book Company for the finished book. They will be ready the first part of December for anyone interested in buying them for Christmas presents.

Note: For the *This & That* category, we would love to have those recipes for children such as; play dough, bubbles, Easter egg dyes, Gingerbread house... What ever you and the young ones in your life like to make and do during the holidays or on rainy days.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Lorinda Collings, 787-5623, Cathleen Denekamp 787-6398, or Teresa in the Parish office, 787-5168

Faithful Citizenship

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The more lively the Eucharistic faith of the People of God, the deeper its sharing in ecclesial life in steadfast commitment

to the mission entrusted by Christ to his disciples. The Church's very history bears witness to this. Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's Eucharistic presence among his people.

Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation
SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS: The Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Church's Life and Mission, Benedict XVI., February 2007., 6.
www.vatican.va/ (From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Faithful Citizenship Committee)

For the Ride Home

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Scripture

- I know their works and their thoughts. (Isaiah 66:17b)
- The fidelity of the Lord endures forever. (Psalm 117:2)
- At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. (Hebrews 12:11)
- For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last. (Luke 13:30)

Reflection

- Can you hide the contents of your heart (your true intentions) from God?
- Does God see you and your actions in the same way that the world measures worth?
- Is there anything that is not forgiven by God?
- Would you act differently if you measured all your actions as seen from God's vantage?

Grant us prudence in proportion to our power, wisdom in proportion to our science, and humaneness in proportion to our wealth and might. Bless our earnest will to help all races and people to travel in freindship on the road to justice, liberty, and lasting peace.

Grant us above all to see that our ways are not necessarily your ways, that we cannot fully penetrate the mystery of your designs, and that the very storm of power now waging on this earth reveals your hidden will and inscrutable decision. Grant us to see your face in the lightning of this cosmic storm, O God of holiness, merciful to all. Grant us to seek peace where it is truly to be found!

In your will, O God is our peace! Amen.¹

¹ Merton, Thomas, *Dialogues With Silence*, (Harper San Francisco; New York, 2001) 177.

